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Jobs still available amid COVID-19

ZACHARY ROMAN

Staff Reporter

It is no secret that the COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting Canada's economy in an unprecedented way. According to Statistics Canada, over three million jobs have been lost and 2.5 million people are working significantly reduced hours since the government shut down non-essential businesses to slow the spread of COVID-19 in March. Small businesses with under 20 employees – and those that work for them – have been hit the hardest and have seen a 30.8 per cent loss of employment.

As an area with many small businesses, Haliburton County has felt the full effects of the March economic shutdown. However, local experts are saying there is hope for the future and are cautiously optimistic as phase one of the Ontario government's "Framework for Reopening our Province" was put into action on May 19.

Jillian Diezel, an employment and training consultant and technical lead at the Fleming CREW Employment Centre, said the centre is seeing a lot more people

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Shopping in a pandemic

Wilberforce resident Dan Patfield reaches for apples during his regular shopping trip on Thursday, May 21 at the Wilberforce Foodland. Foodland owner Craig McDonald said safety measures at the store have been continually updated since the province first implemented safety requirements to reduce the spread of COVID-19. They include pre-wrapped produce, a hand sanitizer station for customers, floor decals encouraging social distancing at the check-out, plexiglass barriers at the till, sanitizing carts and other high touch areas such as doorhandles and fridges, availability of masks and shields to staff and shopping carts only (instead of baskets) to encourage social distancing while shopping. /DARREN LUM Staff

Celebrating Paramedic Services Week

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When everyone is being led away from danger, it's the paramedics who race to it and help.

Take this week to thank the 49 emergency responders, who are always there for us in Haliburton County, during this year's Paramedic Services Week.

The 2020 Paramedic Services Week theme is Pandemic: Paramedics on the Front Line, which recognizes the important role paramedics serve to the front

lines of the healthcare system during this pandemic.

Paramedic Services Week is about recognizing paramedics and educating the public and started Sunday, May 24 running until Saturday, May 30.

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Workers, businesses show resilience and adaptability

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starting to contact them now that some businesses have started reopening. But in the past few months, they've still been busy.

"Initially we saw a decline in the number of jobs that were being posted; and definitely a large increase in the number of people being laid off because of the widespread business closures across the county," said Diezel. "We were assisting a lot of people who were laid off and trying to access the supports that were available through the government." Diezel said the centre was busy helping people who were laid off try to find work in fields different than their own as well.

In regards to government supports such as the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, Diezel said the centre found they were available quite rapidly for those that needed them. However, the online-first nature of Canada's EI system was a challenge for some.

"With the lack of internet availability in the county and the number of people who aren't familiar or savvy with using computers ... that was a major barrier," said Diezel. "We do assist a lot of people who typically would come into our resource centre and guide them through the steps to use the computer to access online services ... but because obviously our office was closed ... we were guiding people over the phone which is challenging."

Sean Dooley, a labour market analyst at the Workforce Development Board in Peterborough, said that while workers can get EI fairly quickly, some small business owners don't think that government support for them has come quick enough and that they still need more help. He also said that certain industries, such as tourism, have been hit much harder than others. As a result of this, many businesses in a tourism hotspot like Haliburton County could struggle.

"Many of the industries that are most prevalent in Haliburton, in terms of employment and business counts, are also among those that were the hardest hit by COVID-19 restrictions. This will have undoubtedly impacted unemployment rates and it remains to be seen whether work-

ers will have a job to return to as the economy begins to reopen," said Dooley in a labour market information report submitted to the *Echo*. According to the report, the top three most prevalent industries in the region – by number of people employed – are currently retail trade, accommodation and food service, and construction.

Canada's April unemployment rate was 13 per cent, a 5.2 per cent increase from March – and the number would be 17.8 per cent if it were adjusted to reflect those who were not counted as unemployed for reasons specific to the COVID-19 economic shutdown. During the week of April 12, 1.1 million Canadians weren't working but worked recently and wanted to work. They weren't counted as unemployed, but were counted as not in the labour force because they didn't look for work – presumably due to business closures and limited opportunities.

While opportunities for work in some sectors have become limited due to COVID-19, new opportunities have shown up in areas such as administration, security, product delivery and more. "A lot of employers have been pivoting and redesigning their businesses to comply with the new regulations, and therefore require more staff to make that happen," said Diezel.

"Businesses ... trying to get their business online were looking for people who could provide e-commerce support, just to help them transition to provide online shopping," said Diezel. "We also did see a big increase in health care and in old age homes looking for support positions ... not even nurses or PSW's necessarily – which we did see some of those positions – but even support staff like cleaning services and food service staff in those kinds of institutions."

Dooley echoed this and said that across the board, demand for workers in the health care sector has increased. However, he said he has seen an especially high demand for personal support workers. Another job Dooley has seen increased demand for is delivery drivers. He said that many businesses who didn't offer delivery in the past are now looking for ways to get their products out to consumers. To Dooley, the labour market's reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic has shown that

our economy is a lot more adaptive and resilient than we may have expected.

Diezel said she thinks the rollout of phase one of the "Framework for Reopening our Province" is welcome for the Haliburton County labour market, so long as it is rolled out in a way that is staying in line with all necessary safety precautions. She is impressed with the way local businesses and workers have found ways to continue on amid the stressful and ever-changing landscape of the pandemic.

"I think that we all really want to make sure that we're doing the right things and take it as slowly as we need to, to ensure that we're keeping our community safe and everyone else safe," said Diezel. "[It's] encouraging to see that businesses are ... taking it seriously and wanting to take things slow and, and really thinking of unique ways that they can provide services ... in a safe way. And I think the same can be said for the job seekers that we're assisting right now. So many people are demonstrating their versatility and their resilience during this challenging time, really using it as an opportunity to build new skills and maybe even reevaluate their career goals."

Diezel said that Fleming CREW is currently aware of more than 50 active job postings in the Haliburton County area and that they are finding more and more each day. "We definitely want people to know that if they are wanting to reenter the workforce, there are postings available and we'd be really happy to help connect them with the right one," said Diezel. Employers can contact Fleming CREW if they would like to post a job as well.

Dooley said that he thinks a lot of people would be surprised at the amount of jobs that are still available. The WDB has a monthly "Eye On The Labour Market" newsletter which highlights the top ten jobs and skills in demand locally. Dooley said the newsletter, along with the WDB's jobs hub tool – which aggregates job postings from over 20 different job boards – can be a great resource to find work locally as businesses start to reopen.

During pandemic, thank a paramedic

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Each day has been and will be focused on a particular subject to educate the public about the paramedic service. Monday is activating 911 and call screening; Tuesday is about personal protective equipment, what and why; Wednesday is protect the protectors/help the helpers; Thursday is about staying informed; what and why we do what we do? Friday is about health and resiliency and Saturday is paramedic services recognition day.

Haliburton County Paramedic Service chief Tim Waite said paramedics are always ready to serve and are at the very front lines of emergencies.

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We're like an emergency room, [which is] mobile.

— Deputy paramedic chief Jo-Ann Hendry

"We're the first to see those very sick patients, to assess them and transport them in a very close quarters office, as I like to call it. They are at a high risk given the work space they have to work in when they are on route to the hospital," he said. "They are entering residences and places we don't know what's in there when they get there and that's why right now they're on very high alert. They do extra screening when they get to the residence or facility and do everything they can to ensure they maintain their safety as well as safety for the patient."

Deputy chief Jo-Ann Hendry said she appreciates this week because it enables the public to learn more about the service and the people behind it and how they work. Hendry said each day of the week there will be a posting on Twitter and Facebook.

Among the posts, the paramedic's perspective will be revealed.

"The pandemic is not new for us. This is what we do on a regular basis. Sure it's a little bit higher contagion right now until we get it under control, but our paramedics deal with [all sorts of health conditions]," she said.

Due to the higher risks associated with the current health crisis, paramedics have received more training and practice. There has also, she said, been collaboration between health agencies such as the family health team and the hospital.

With the current health crisis, it has meant greater collaboration between health agencies, which has strengthened

the working relations between them all, she said.

Hendry, added that advertisements will be published this week in local media to recognize Paramedic Services Week.

Prior to restrictions to public gatherings, the paramedics had planned a CPR lesson down at Head Lake Park, including planned outreach efforts around the county.

It's important to educate because the public doesn't know the full story about paramedics, she said.

"Because the unfortunate thing is nobody really thinks about what we do, or how we've changed over the years until they need 911 so we like to spend it when it is not the worst day of people's lives that we can share some of what we do and educate. We're not ambulance drivers anymore. We're paramedics. We have highly honed skills now to treat different conditions," she said. "We're like an emergency room, [which is] mobile."

Waite said he is extremely proud and thankful for the work of the paramedics and how they have conducted themselves.

"A big thank you from us at Haliburton County needs to go to our paramedics because as a chief they've stepped up tremendously. All the extra stuff they have to do. The extra uncomfortable stuff they have to wear. It's not a fun place to work sometimes, especially in pandemic times and I have to say our paramedics have really stepped up and are just doing an excellent job," he said.



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New initiative making a paws–itive impact on the community

ZACHARY ROMAN

Staff Reporter

A new initiative called Puppy Paw's Pantry, started by local chef and mom Cheryl-Ann Haywood, is providing dog food free of charge to those in need amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Her service, which started on May 10, can be accessed discreetly and will deliver dry or wet dog food to your place of residence, no questions asked.

Haywood has bred Boston Terriers for 30 years, which has no doubt contributed to her passion for this project.

"I've always loved dogs and helping people," said Haywood. "This was a way for me to give back to the community, especially when families are facing financial hardships like never before."

Haywood said she has received a few donations already and has purchased lots of food herself to have when she is called upon. When it is safe to do so, Haywood wants to approach the pet stores in the community as well.

"I believe the best way to help in these times is to be kind and think of others," said Haywood. "Good deeds can change someone's life."

Haywood said that the reaction from community members and friends to Puppy Paw's Pantry has been



Puppy Paw's Pantry's founder, Cheryl-Ann Haywood, will provide discreet, no questions asked dog food delivery to those in need. /Submitted by Cheryl-Ann Haywood

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overwhelmingly positive. She plans to run the initiative for as long as there is a need for it and she is physically and financially able to.

"My mission is to help families keep their dogs and not have the dogs be surrendered to rescues due to financial hardships," said Haywood. "Families facing hard times

should not have to choose to feed their dogs or their children."

If you would like to make a donation to Puppy Paw's Pantry or use the service yourself, send an email to lovepuppypawspantry@gmail.com.

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Wedding season at Bonnie View Inn will look different this summer, as celebrations are adapted, postponed or cancelled during the province's state of emergency and while physical distancing recommendations are in place. / Submitted photo



Weddings in the time of coronavirus

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Faye Adamson and Ryan Mortell were coworkers and friends first, before starting a six-year partnership in a manner befitting these times of physical distancing: through a window between their adjacent offices.

"I used to write jokes on the back of sticky notes and stick them on the window," said Adamson.

The Minden pair have been engaged for almost a year, and planned to get married on Sept. 12 at Ganaraska Forest Centre in Campbellcroft. Instead, with 121 days to go, and a pandemic affecting events around the world, Adamson and Mortell told guests they had cancelled their venue booking.

"Since the start of the pandemic I have been consciously not thinking about the wedding," said Adamson. "There are so many unknowns and etceteras, and avoidance is a strategy that comes easy to me. Ryan however has been slowly thinking about it more and more, and we both hate to have an unmade decision floating around, so we had pretty much come to the conclusion that we were wanting to cancel the venue, mainly due to the massive expense."

A lot of thought and effort had been put into imagining their celebration, said Adamson, and long before the spread of COVID-19, detailed invitations had been sent out early in part because her extended family lives in England and would need to plan travel.

Adamson said she has been calling the many considerations of wedding planning during a pandemic "the etceteras" because there are so many.

"Will international travel be a thing by September? Gatherings? Of how many? And how much notice would everyone have for all of these things?"

Though venue and gathering plans have now changed, Adamson and Mortell still plan to be married and celebrate in whatever way is possible this fall.

"We plan to get married, with however many people is sensible/legal," she said. "It will likely be a backyard, bring your own wine glass affair, but no matter what it turns out to be, we will be there so it will be epic. And I am sure there will



Minden residents Ryan Mortell and Faye Adamson plan to celebrate their wedding day on Sept. 12 this year, though perhaps differently than planned – they have cancelled their venue booking at the Ganaraska Forest Centre due to the unknown future of what gatherings might look like this summer. / Submitted photo

be many a celebration in the future if we can't celebrate with everyone on the day."

For those who offer services in the wedding industry, their summer isn't going as planned either.

At Bonnie View Inn, Andrea Hagarty said she had closed during the winter knowing she had seven weddings booked for this spring, in the months of May and June. Due to the novel coronavirus outbreak and public health guidelines in place that limit social gatherings, five weddings have been fully cancelled, and two are postponed until 2021. This summer, out of four weddings, two have cancelled and two have reduced their guest list from 100 or 200 to five people. And calls have already come in from weddings booked this fall – seven of them – questioning Hagarty about possibilities in this time of pandemic.

"It was my whole focus, just because I knew weddings would book the whole place for the whole weekend, I wouldn't have to worry about advertising because I knew I was full," said Hagarty. "I already knew how much staff I would need, how much it would cost me, how much I was making. Weddings are such a for-sure awesome business for small inns like me."

Weddings have supported Hagarty's business with typically guaranteed bookings in a business that relies on favoura-

ble weather conditions to ensure tourists travel.

"If it's going to rain on the weekend, all of a sudden everybody cancels, or there's no snow, all of a sudden nobody wants to come do sports, but a wedding happens rain or shine," said Hagarty.

Cancellations and postponements during the COVID-19 crisis have occurred for different reasons, said Hagarty, some because one or both of the betrothed had lost jobs and financial situations had changed, some because guests were coming from far away and many because of the limitation on gatherings.

"A lot of it is that people were flying in, a lot is that they just can't afford it, and a lot of it is that they don't want to ask their family and friends to pay to fly in anymore, when they know their family is going to be in trouble wherever they are as well, or even just to drive up, even just to come to the wedding," said Hagarty.

"[They said] 'We just can't afford it, we're going to cancel for now and figure it out later.' The other one said, can we switch it to 2021, our parents are coming from out of the country and now they can't. And then it was just like dominoes."

One wedding planned for 120 guests considered reducing their list of attendees to four – the bride and groom and their two kids, but with limitations on

the number of people who can gather, Hagarty said it is still unclear if that can happen.

"Everything for me right now, I guess as it is for everybody, it's a waiting game," she said.

The same is true for many of the guests, including brides and grooms, who Hagarty said are disappointed in the change of their plans but who have still continued to be "lovely."

She anticipates there might still be weddings at the inn happening this year that have adapted to the public health guidelines – perhaps one by boat, with guests in surrounding boats. Adapting to whatever comes her way isn't new to Hagarty, who worked at the resort long before owning it.

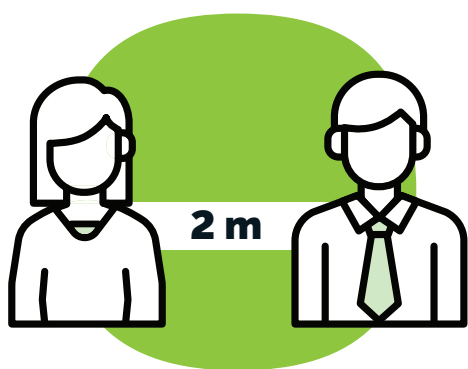
"I've been in it almost 30 years now and every couple of years, there's a big – this is the biggest adaptation of them all – but I did go from no computers to computers, to having online, there's such change."

As for the hospitality industry, she said she has experienced worry and stress, but that there could be hope when the health situation in the province is more stable, especially if residents support local business and industry.

"If everyone stays local in Ontario, we'll be OK," she said.

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It's about respect

IF YOU'RE READING this while being safe and following all of the recommended best practices for preventing COVID-19, you're awesome and you certainly don't need me telling you what to do. If you're reading this and you think COVID-19 is not such a big deal, or even a hoax, my opinions on masks and social distancing are certainly not going to change yours. Or will they?

During my short time with the *Echo*, I have spoken to so many kind and welcoming people. And it breaks my heart to hear that so many of these people, proud business owners and employers in the Haliburton community, are in truly dire straits because of COVID-19. These people are going into massive amounts of debt, yet what they care about most is how they can't provide jobs for their employees anymore. They are selfless. They – and their employees without work – don't deserve to see people who haven't been affected so harshly by the virus walking around ignoring the rules while their own worlds crumble around them.

However, rule breakers in this county are the exception to the rule. I have seen incredible support for local food banks, essential workers, businesses and more every day while I am reporting. I have already written three stories about people who started their own initiatives to help others and I have only been working here for three weeks.

Now I'm not saying that if everyone followed the rules perfectly COVID-19 would magically go away and everyone's problems would be solved. The virus is an unprecedented threat that even the top minds in our world are struggling to keep under control. But following the rules

would certainly help.

At the very least, it would show respect to those who are laying down their lives every single day for us – be it at the hospital or the grocery store or anywhere in between. It doesn't matter if you don't think you're going to catch the virus or give it to anyone. Even if there was a 100 per cent chance that you wouldn't or couldn't, you should still wear a mask and stay two metres apart from others, out of respect for those who have lost or are losing everything because of COVID-19.

Regardless of views on the virus, everyone has heard of the golden rule at some point: Treat others how you want to be treated. The pandemic may not be hitting us all the same, but if it were you losing loved ones, risking your safety, or losing your life's work – maybe following the rules and practicing social distancing wouldn't seem like too much of an ask.

Believe me, as an avid skateboarder the rules and I don't always get along (why do some of the best hills ever not allow skateboarding?). Nobody on this Earth is perfect, myself included. However some rules, like the COVID-19 prevention best practices, are just too important to ignore. I haven't been skating with a group since the virus started and it sucks big time – anyone who knows me must be tired of me talking about it 24/7 – but it's the least I can do.

Regardless of what you may believe, let's all remember that you nor I are the centre of the universe. Let's come together and show some respect for those whose universes need it most by wearing our masks and social distancing.



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Editorial



From the shadows at Dark Lake

by Darren Lum

Sounds in the night

THE SCREAM was sudden and loud. It pierced the murmur of night sounds like a knife plunged into a piece of fruit. Sudden and extreme. Anne had just poured herself a cup of chamomile tea and was turning away from the kitchen counter when she heard it. Obviously an animal, she thought, but what kind? Too loud and harsh for a cat yet there was a feline quality to it. While thinking of the possibilities, she heard it again. Was something hurt out there? Had a creature been attacked or hurt?

She stood at her screened door and peered into the dark, waiting. Then she heard it once more but fainter and more distant. Anne lived in the village but it was a very small place tucked into the edge of a massive forest. Bush bordered their property at the back and despite having neighbours on both sides, it was not uncommon to see the odd raccoon, porcupine, skunk, fox or even a bear wander past her flower beds. And of course deer, lots of deer.

Maybe something bumped up against the electric fence, said John when Anne told him the next morning. He had been soundly asleep and had heard nothing. The electric fence kept the deer away from the vegetable garden and was a new addition. Perhaps it had taken an animal by surprise. But then what about that last scream, the one that had seemed farther away?

After the last scream Anne had taken her tea out onto the deck and sat, listening. No more distress calls, if indeed that was what it had been. But it was far from quiet. The peepers' song rose and fell on the fresh night air. Beneath their chorus, the crickets and other unseen critters hummed and chuckled in the dark. An owl that had been hanging around the neighbourhood for weeks reminded Anne it was still there, its friendly, quizzical announcement coming from deep in the bush.

What a life, thought Anne. I could be hearing traffic, sirens, the hum of a thousand invisible machines and devices. Instead the pulse of nature was all around her. And she wasn't even right in the bush, but rather on its fringe. What goes on at night in that hidden world, she wondered. Nocturnal animals were out there, silently going about their business of finding food and doing whatever else they did. For people like Anne this was an unseen part of the world.

Anyone who has ever gone wilderness camping knows the night holds many sounds and probably more than a few adventures. For some creatures the night is their hunting time, making it a dangerous one for their prey. Everything from a curious rustling in the underbrush to the startled shriek of attack, the cry of pain, or the mysterious howl that could be a wolf or some desperate escape; they were all there if you could only hear them. While people slept, the wild world went on. In

fact it was probably more active after dark.

Contemplating the night reminded Anne of other, non-animal sounds. The surprised yell when a skinny dipper first hit the water. The crackle of a bonfire and the jostling of voices around its flame. Perhaps a strumming guitar or the cranky whine of an over-tired child. Living in the country or enjoying a piece of cottage heaven all provided its own non-urban sound track.

And maybe, hidden in the shadows on the edge of a clearing, the animals watched and listened and waited. This was really their world first and foremost. We humans came later and despite our massive egos and noisy presence, in the end we were mere visitors. Because we really only knew half of what life in the forest was all about. The animals had the full picture. And they had their own secrets.

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Space Force not a space farce

LATELY, AND quite possibly because I'm looking for some good news, I took it to heart when the President of the United States informed the world that his country has just developed what he has named "a Super-Duper rocket" as well as a new Space Force. Also, he immediately claimed to be No. 1 in space.

Who knows why this is so important to him? My guess is that he wants this branch of the military to mine the moon's legendary cheese. But it's just a guess, albeit one based on his incredible understanding of science.

Regardless, that announcement got me thinking we here in Canada should start a Space Force of our own.

Most people would not think President Trump is that inspirational, but, believe me, he sure got me going. He's like that one kid in school who accomplished something and inspired all of his classmates to say, "If that idiot can do it, how hard can it be?"

Of course it won't be that easy. As always, Trump has set the bar high. Or, more accurately, kept the bar at the same level and dug a huge ditch beneath it. Also, both the ditch and the bar, were originally constructed by migrant workers.

Either way, the first and probably most significant hurdle we are going to have to overcome is to find a better descriptor than "Super-Duper" for our rocket –

and, believe me, that won't be easy. Trump is a master of marketing and is really good at nicknames.

Just ask any Lyin' Hillary, Lyin' Ted, or Lyin' James Comey. The man has a gift for it.

Oh who am I kidding? We simply don't have the naming technology to beat "Super-Duper." Our rocket naming capability is still in its infancy. So is the president's but in a different way. Plus, he's a stable genius, which technically means he knows his way around horse manure – something most listeners have probably already gathered.

Heck, after days in our new secret naming lab, the best I could come up with was "Our Nifty-Difty rocket" or "Red Rocket" but there might be some copyright issues associated with the latter. Also, we only have green paint so it makes no sense.

The point here is the U.S. Space Force is technologically light years ahead of us when it comes to naming things. Plus, their program is already at the flag hugging stage. (In case, you missed it, that was before the flag pole tried to trip the president. Word is Obama was to blame and all federally employed flag poles have now been fired.)

With that in mind, I feel like what we need to do is stick to what we are good at. I mean we sure got a lot of mileage out of a robotic arm right? That's why I'm proposing we build two robotic legs so no one has to ever get out of the Super-Duper rocket to claim they walked on the moon.

Also, if we built two arms on the "Super-Duper rocket" we could program them to applaud everything the president says, which would ensure we'd be building them for as long as he's around. We could also build it a mask just to show people the rocket is never going to wear one.

The point is there are plenty of opportunities for Canada to get in on Space Force fever. We should start small – I'm thinking we begin with trip-proof flag poles.



steve
galea

Loon Tales



pic of the past

This photo was taken on the steps of the Lakeview School in Haliburton in 1962. On the left is Stuart Baker, who was teaching at the school at that time and later became Director of Education for Haliburton County; and Max Archer, who was the principal of the school.

letters to the editor

A different kind of goodbye

To the Editor,

Saying goodbye is usually a face-to-face, hand-to-hand experience. But not this year. So, as we move out of the county on May 1, we must find a different way of saying thank you to our friends, neighbours, and community that have been home and family.

We moved here as full-timers in 2005. Before that, Paul had cottaged at the Harrison Farm on Little Boshkung in the 40s, been a camper at Cecil and Jean Irwin's Sherwood Forest Camp, then a cottager on Big Boshkung where I joined him 35 years ago. But it was only when we bought the Charles Barry farmhouse on Barry Line, and opened the Gaia Centre Retreat that we came to appreciate the real lively "spirit of the county." And it is that land-loving, music-making, co-creative, self-sustaining, helping-hand spirit that makes it so hard to leave.

It's been an interesting 15 years globally. When we opened the Gaia Centre in 2005, it was the International Year of Sustainability. As we leave, it is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. These have been Earth-conscious, Gaia-centred times. We are very thankful for the support of so many organi-

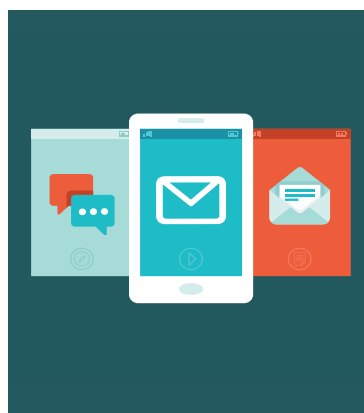
zations and individuals who served on the Board, provided leadership, and attended the programs. We are grateful for the privilege of working with you on issues that will be even more pressing in the decades to come.

It's been an interesting time of personal development as well. Paul has relearned the violin, thanks to Bethany, been a founding member of three fiddle groups, and learned trombone under the baton of Maestro Glen. He will miss the Highland Concert Band and all the music-making.

It's been a great place to age! As elders we felt our life experience was welcome and put to good service. Paul was grateful to be a volunteer with so many important services like SIRCH, Hospice, and Community Care. But now, we feel the need to put down the snowshovel and head to the warmer climes of East Toronto, not too far away.

It would take the rest of the newspaper to mention all the folks we're grateful to have met – the medical staff, municipal officials, and so many creative volunteer leaders. Instead, we wish you well and that you continue to be the spirit-full community that you are.

Carol Kilby and Paul Irwin



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Schmale, Kennedy want action now on rural internet

ZACHARY ROMAN

Staff Reporter

Jamie Schmale, Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, held a virtual town hall on the topic of better rural internet access via video conferencing software Zoom on May 20. There was also a phone-in option for those who have poor internet connection or none at all.

The goal of the town hall was to seek input from community members, who were able to submit questions before and during the event. Presented during the town hall was the Conservatives' "Connect Canada" plan, a collection of calls to action asking the federal Liberal government to make fast and reliable internet available to all of rural Canada by 2021.

"We think as a country we should go forward with the idea of improving rural connectivity," said Schmale in his opening remarks.

During the town hall Schmale was joined by Jeremy Patzer, MP for Cypress Hills-Grasslands in Saskatchewan; Michelle Rempel Garner, MP for Calgary Nose Hill; and Lisa Severson, communications and stakeholder relations officer for the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Before getting into politics, Patzer had 10 years of experience in the telecommunications industry and is currently a member of the standing committee on industry, science and technology. Garner is the Shadow Minister (Opposition critic) for Industry and Economic Development. Garner was the MP who first brought forward the "Connect Canada" plan. Severson was involved with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network project, a \$172 million network completed in 2015 that aimed to improve high-speed internet access across Eastern Ontario.

Patzer spoke about the future of internet technology and how the government might go about getting infrastructure in place so that residents in more remote areas, such as some parts of Haliburton County, would no longer have to use rocket sticks for internet access.

"Fixed wireless technology is where a lot of the growth and where the opportunity is ... I think that's where a lot of the industry is looking to go. There's obviously going to be a huge need for investment into the backbone of the network ... in order to provide the consistent and reliable speeds that people require and rely on," said Patzer. "That would provide you with an in-home router, as opposed to relying on a simple rocket stick that you plug into your laptop or your PC to get that service."

For areas even more remote than Haliburton, Patzer says that satellite is the way of the future. According to Patzer, one of the main issues with internet service in Canada is that even once it becomes available in a rural area, there is a lack of choice for the consumer.

"Especially if you live in a rural community or you're out you're out at the farm ... most of the time ... you only have one provider that's investing in your area, and then that will lead into that predatory pricing issue that we raised up, where maybe one of the other companies says well hey we can serve that area," said Patzer. "So they're gonna come in and undercut the company that has made a huge investment to get the infrastructure in place and push it out of town, and then your service will be reduced because they're not going to be able to provide that same level of service."

The CRTC has a mandate for the level of service Canadians should have. It declared that the internet is a basic



The logo for the Conservatives' "Connect Canada" plan.

telecommunications service and set targets across the country for download speeds of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) and upload speeds of at least 10 Mbps. They also want companies to offer the option of unlimited data. When they made this announcement way back in 2016, they estimated that two million Canadians did not have access to these speeds. At the town hall, there was speculation that this number could be even higher today.

It is possible for municipalities to use taxpayer funding to build the infrastructure required for high-speed internet access, then bring in a company to provide service — some municipalities in Canada have agreed to a tax hike in order to do this. However, this is a lot easier in areas with a higher population density.

"We know that for Haliburton County itself to bring them up to that 50/10 ... it would cost them \$65 million to hit that 50/10 CRTC mandate," said Severson. "So I think continued [federal and provincial] funding is a necessity to make this a reality."

Based on the 2016 census, the most recent one available, Haliburton County has a population of 18,062 and a population density of just 4.4 people per square kilometre. If every single person in Haliburton County agreed to a tax hike to hit the \$65 million needed for the county to build the necessary infrastructure for high-speed internet access, it would cost each person around \$3,600. In reality, that number would be even higher since all 18,062 residents of the county aren't taxpayers. To make a long story short, the tax hike required would be far too high for the vast majority of the population.

Deputy Mayor of Dysart et al, Pat Kennedy, said that because of COVID-19 there has been a realization of how important getting high-speed internet and cell service to the county is. "What we're finding is that a lot of big companies don't need to be downtown Toronto ... if their employees have access to high speed internet and get cell signal they can work from home," said Kennedy. "The thing with our students not going back to school, high speed internet is imperative for students to do online learning. And I believe that we need to be at

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— Deputy Mayor of Dysart et al, Pat Kennedy

the forefront of this as we move forward."

Kennedy said that the low population density and high per capita cost have been barriers for getting internet service providers to the region. He also said that the topography of the region hinders the tower-to-tower transmission of signal. "You just can't efficiently deliver high speed internet when the houses are a mile apart. That's a big challenge here," said Kennedy. Despite these challenges, Kennedy commended the efforts of some of the smaller, local internet service providers who he said have a great reputation for providing quality service to consumers.

"I've had lots of talks with [Schmale] about the internet. He fully realizes how important it is to rural Canada and not just rural Ontario," said Kennedy. "Hopefully they keep pitching to the federal government just how critically important the internet is, hopefully we get something happening soon. It's been a pet peeve of mine for years. So any movement is better than no movement."

EORN is undertaking a \$213-million project to fill all gaps in cellular internet connectivity throughout Eastern Ontario, including the county, which is scheduled to be completed in three to four years.

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Students continue Learning@Home, schools closed

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Sue Yallop has gone back to elementary school.

The Algonquin Highlands resident is sitting alongside her grandchildren, 12-year-old Evan and nine-year-old Addyson, as they participate in online-based education being offered by their teachers in Tillsonburg ever since public school in Ontario did not reopen after March Break due to the province's response to the novel coronavirus pandemic. Last week, the province announced schools, which closed March 13 to in-person learning, would be closed for the school year due to the COVID-19 crisis, but in-home lessons are continuing so students can continue learning from their teachers while practicing physical distancing.

"The programs are a little cumbersome, but the kids seem to be pretty good at navigating through them. Personally I have learned about habitats, Beroulli's Principle, and how they actually teach math these days," said Yallop, and then, with a laugh: "Some of these were reminders."

Yallop's grandkids joined her after the family members had been isolated from each other for nine weeks, when it became apparent her son would be going back to work and her daughter-in-law had been deemed an essential worker.

But with the school year still in session, the stay with grandma has turned Yallop into the children's at-home teacher, as well.

"We are one week in to be honest, we seem to be doing OK," she said.

Her grandkids are learning, in some cases, through solo games or challenge games the entire class participates in.

"I have found however, that with the other lessons, it is essential that there be someone involved with them, one-on-one going through the work, to make sure they understand/learn and don't get frustrated," she said.

Yallop said she has found responses from the kids' teachers to be exceptionally quick, even on a holiday Monday, and said that extra help when needed has been available.

Throughout Haliburton County, the Learning@Home program has been ongoing and Trillium Lakelands District School Board director Larry Hope provided an update on the board's initiative with the program at an April 28 meeting, noting "continued efforts are being made to ensure elementary students are receiving programming and instruction that focuses on numeracy and literacy, while secondary school students focus on course and credit completion."

March 13 is considered the cut-off date for assessment and evaluation for secondary students, according to Hope.

"Grades received at this time can be raised by students through their online learning, but these grades cannot go down," read the minutes of Hope's update to the board.

A survey conducted by the board with families received 3,200 responses over a week, with results indicating 68 per cent of the respondents were satisfied or extremely satisfied with the opportunities available. Twenty per cent of respondents were neutral about the program while 11 per cent were dissatisfied. Eighty per cent of the respondents said they were satisfied or

extremely satisfied with communication between home and school, with seven per cent being dissatisfied and 13 per cent being neutral.

"Regarding the level of satisfaction with the quantity of work, 65 per cent were satisfied or extremely satisfied, 20 per cent were in the middle, and 14 per cent were dissatisfied," read minutes from an April 28 board meeting. "This result is much like the situation in a physical classroom environment where some students will finish work in 15 minutes while others require some more time. Educators have been asked to be mindful of this when it comes to their expectations, as well as the various situations each family may be in."

In total, 7,000 devices to help families access technology used in the in-home learning program were distributed throughout the TLDSB school community while printed materials have been delivered to 300 homes within the wider school board region who do not have internet access or have requested paper rather than technology.

Melissa Bittner's family is one that has opted for paper materials.

"My first reaction was baffled," she said. "I didn't have passwords or login information. My son was expected to go to several web sites for different lessons. I was unable to navigate it and it took me almost a week to get proper login information. We do have a good internet connection. I am not familiar with the programs and even once I found the lessons I couldn't understand how to respond or return the work. It was overwhelming."

Bittner said paper lessons were available three weeks after the program started, causing a setback for her kids, who are in Grade 4 and Grade 2. The materials were first available via school pickup, but are now dropped on her porch in a plastic bag bi-weekly, and returned the same way.

Bittner said she is still attempting to have her kids do their schoolwork, but said her focus has shifted.

"I felt my kids were suffering from the isolation and segregation from their friends and teachers," she said. "The amount of work is too much for all of us. In light of the pandemic my perspective has changed. I feel that life skills and family unity has been lacking in the technological world we have been accustomed to. These are the fundamentals to survival in my opinion. Also I can hardly educate my children when the way I learned no longer exists. I do not remember things from public school. If I can't understand it how am I to teach it?"

Bittner said her daughter's teacher has been "incredibly supportive."

"I have been able to express my frustration and she reassures us that her mental health is far more important than how far down the stack she has gotten," said Bittner.

For teachers, managing learning at home while also working at home through a pandemic, some with their children at their side, has been a new experience as well.

"This social distancing has given me as a teacher time to reflect and really appreciate and remind me of the fact that it truly takes a village to raise a child," said Jason Morissette, a teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. "We are continuing to build relationships and make connections with our students by learning at home. Teachers and education support staff care greatly for their students and their wellbeing during this time and are making every effort to be there

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— Larry Hope, TLDSB director of education

for them by quickly learning new teaching technologies and techniques in order to do so."

Morissette is also the parent of three children learning at home, and said he and his wife know the situation has not been an easy adjustment for families.

"I have an enormous appreciation for all of our parents for all the help and support in trying to provide educational continuity as best we can together," he said. "We are all trying to do what we are able and that's going to look and be different at home for everyone and as a teacher and parent I feel people should know that they are the best judge of what works best for their family at this time and that's okay. We truly are all in this together and will be stronger as a school community coming out of this life changing event."

Bittner said she thinks it is important for those who may not have kids to understand that parents and children "have had their worlds turned upside down." "It isn't a holiday by any stretch," she said. "It has affected my ability to go to work this season as I can't find childcare nor afford it. If I could how would I keep up with their education? I am also a single parent and having to school two kids and maintain a house is no easy feat. Everyone is suffering differently from this pandemic and we all need to be kind. No one is above and no one is below."

In a letter home to TLDSB families on May 22, Hope said he recognizes that each family is feeling different about the Learning@Home program.

"Our teachers and support staff are providing learning opportunities in a variety of ways and all teaching staff have office hours available to parents and to students if there are any questions or concerns," he said. "I encourage you to take advantage of this. We have heard that some students want more work and look forward to summer school opportunities, which we will be announcing shortly. And there are other families who are finding learning at home a challenge and have decided to relax some of the expectations for their child. The choice you make as a family is the right choice for you and the well-being of your family should come before anything else right now. If your child is falling behind or struggling with the workload or balance, please reach out to their school teacher or principal. We want to be sure we are providing the best possible experience in this most unusual of times, and we need to know how it's going for everyone."

TLDSB schools are working on a plan for families to collect belongings left behind at school in March, and for a graduation plan for those looking to celebrate the milestone.

Keep taking care of what matters most.

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Edible nasturtiums

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Part of a series of garden tasks we can complete while practicing social distancing

IT FINALLY FEELS warm enough to consider planting the many containers that add colour around the house. In normal years, the plants are ordered in winter after reviewing the successes and failures of the previous season. Coronavirus scuttled my best-laid plans – that and the sad news that Country Rose would not re-open for the 2020 gardening season.

In the spirit of shopping local, I have relied on Kim at Country Rose to source new and unusual annuals and ornamental grasses for me over the last few years and felt a bit at a loss as to what to do now. Then two things happened at once. First there was a segment on the news about the price of food going higher due to the pandemic and second, Kim (mentioned above) tipped me off to Pine Reflections in Carleton Place.

So problem solved – I will do some vegetables in containers and plan a road trip!

Making containers look “showy” is a bit of a trick with veggies alone but there are some lovely edible flowers that are easy to grow from seed. I found a couple of old packets of nasturtiums and by luck, had already ordered calendula “Oopsy Daisy” from William Dam Seeds. That calendula, sometimes called pot marigold from its use in soups and stews, was a great performer last year – stocky plants with bi-coloured blooms all summer long. Calendulas are old-fashioned annuals, described as early as the third century B.C. as a medicinal herb, a source of dye and a sacred ornament in religious ceremonies.

They are fairly quick from seed and I plan to plant them now and add some seedling jalapeno peppers after all danger of frost is past. My friend Brian reminded me that the full moon of early June is on the fifth and that we should be frost-free

after that. I only mention his advice so we have someone to blame if things don’t go as planned.

Over the years, I have included the kale “Redbor” in annual display plantings. The bold, reddish-purple, frilly leaves add a nice sense of drama, however, this plant might be too large for a container with other vegetables. Instead, I will try a different variety called “Purple Moon” from the organic seed source, Renee’s Garden. For those of you out there who aren’t fans of kale (I’m speaking to you Steve Galea), try adding Swiss chard “Bright Lights” to a container with purple basil, garden chives or curly parsley.

I read that pole beans can be grown in a very large container (at least 18” in diameter) so I am going to try one called

“Hunter” which won the Royal Horticulture Society’s Award of Garden Merit in 1993. This variety, popular with gourmet chefs, will climb up a wigwam of bamboo canes and provide some height to my container grouping.

Of course, I won’t forget the standard “Tumbling Tom” cherry tomatoes and mini-peppers “Right on Red,” “Yes to Yellow” and “Orange You Sweet” if for no other reason than their descriptive names.

I did manage that road trip to Pine Reflections and found a wonderful selection of annuals, in fact, almost everything on my list. Owner, Sue, and her staff have created a COVID-19-friendly site with all of the proper precautions to make the shopping experience even more comforting than the normal warm fuzzy feeling being amongst plants. It took a little longer to shop, allowing for carts to be sanitized and spacing of people, but I came away happy, with so many pretty flowers that the veggies might be crowded out. Or, I’ll just find more pots.

Garden



Belinda Gallagher

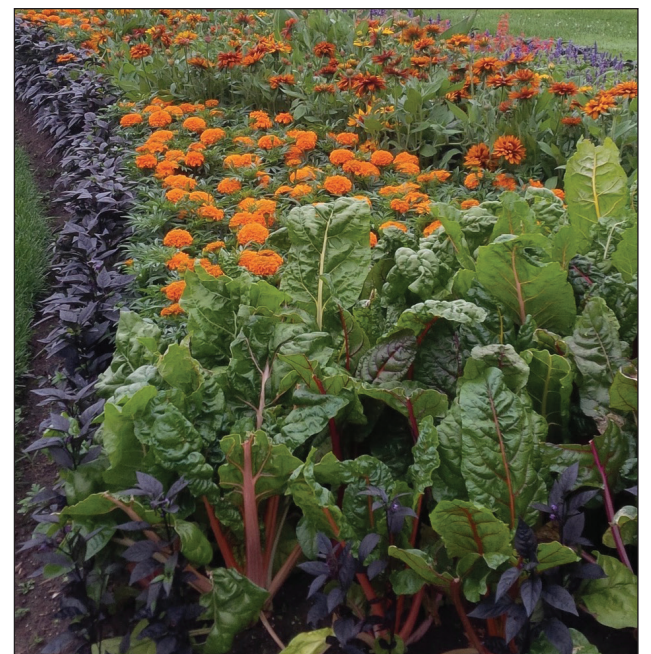
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Oopsy Daisy



Cherry tomatoes



Swiss chard with basil.

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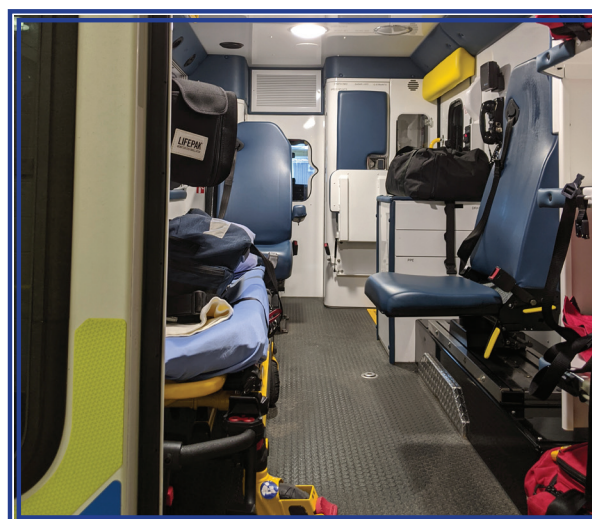
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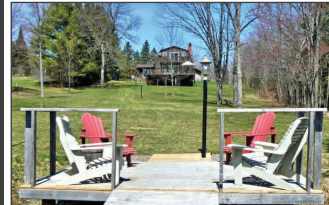
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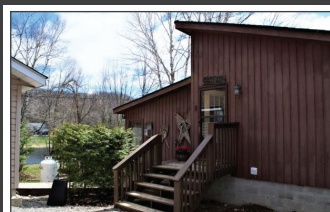
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 - 7. Southern constellation
 - 8. Swines
 - 10. Self-righteously moralistic person
 - 12. United Arab Emirates city
 - 13. Surinam toad
 - 14. Sign language
 - 16. Tattoo (slang)
 - 17. Makes level
 - 19. Sun up in New York
 - 20. It must be scratched
 - 21. Where people live
 - 25. Swiss river
 - 26. Buddy
 - 27. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
 - 29. Shrek is one
 - 30. Egyptian unit of weight
 - 31. Fiddler crabs
 - 32. Carroll O'Connor's TV wife
 - 39. No longer having life
 - 41. Former OSS
 - 42. A way to emit sound
 - 43. Mandela's party
 - 44. Adult female chicken
 - 45. U. of Miami's mascot
 - 46. Southeastern Chinese people
 - 48. Casino game
 - 49. Amos Alonzo __, US football coach
 - 50. Joint connecting two pipes at right angles
 - 51. Will Ferrell film
 - 52. River in NE Scotland
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Occur
 - 2. Show up
 - 3. Capital of Taiwan
 - 4. Former French coin
 - 5. Some are bad
 - 6. Monetary unit
 - 8. Package (abbr.)
 - 9. Indian religious person
 - 11. Crew
 - 14. Antidiuretic hormone
 - 15. Makeshift
 - 18. Baseball box score stat
 - 19. Make a mistake
 - 20. Not moving
 - 22. Even distribution of weight
 - 23. Clumsy person
 - 24. Paddle
 - 27. Worked the soil
 - 28. Alias
 - 29. Plant cultivated in Peru
 - 31. Side-blotched lizards genus
 - 32. Wild dog
 - 33. Immoral act
 - 34. Pound
 - 35. Manning and Lilly are two
 - 36. Put on the shelf for now
 - 37. Baltimore ballplayer
 - 38. Cuddle
 - 39. Dashes
 - 40. Related on the mother's side
 - 44. Witch
 - 47. Kilogram force (abbr.)
- Answers on page 14



Social distance shopping
Wilberforce resident Stan Miczek completes his purchase behind a barrier with employee Andrea Costello at the LCBO on Thursday, May 21 in Wilberforce. Like all retailers, the Wilberforce location has implemented various measures to reduce the spread of the coronavirus such as a plexiglass barrier at the cash register, sanitizer station for customers to use on their hands as they enter, floor decals and directional signage to encourage social distancing, and traffic flow is one way at the store. Regular cleaning of high contact points throughout the store such as door handles and the ATM pin pad, and staff wearing face shields, which has been in place for a month. /DARREN LUM Staff



Employee Violeta Fucec, who wears gloves and a face shield stocks shelves at the LCBO on Thursday, May 21 in Wilberforce.



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Community responds to restore Enchanted Forest

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Wooden board games, a shelving unit, a load of white gravel and a rotary phone: these are a few of the things the Enchanted Forest at Abbey Gardens needs to help recreate a magical children's play area after vandalism caused the space to close last September.

The Enchanted Forest was officially opened in June of 2017, but staff and the community were saddened by damage last fall to the outdoor site that included plastic canvasses in the art gallery being ripped, stained glass stepping stones being smashed, a repurposed slide being dislodged and cracked and books from the site's lending library torn and left in muddy water. The person or people who caused the damage have not been found.

Now, the community is jumping at the chance to help restore all play areas and signage so the site can be reopened.

The area was developed by kids for kids, said Heather Reid, operations director at Abbey Gardens, who noted the organization's homeschool group spent time over the winter brainstorming ideas for the Enchanted Forest so that when it re-opens, it will include surprises for those who were already familiar with the popular area.

"Since it opened we have seen so much use by all kinds of families in our community," said Reid. "It is a safe place for kids to explore on their own and experience nature at their own pace. This is so

important to forming connections with our environment."

A call put out for help through the organization's e-newsletter had been met with a "wonderful community response" said Reid, to help reconstruct and decorate areas in the Enchanted Forest area that include a theatre in the woods, construction zone, wishing well and nest.

To date, the Enchanted Forest restoration project has received a \$5,000 donation from the 100 Women Who Care group; Ian Thompson from A Finer Finish has made a puppet theatre for the Theatre in the Woods; Dan and Cara Steele have made a tickle trunk, a child's construction work bench and a fence to separate the construction zone and the wishing well; Shannon Blanchard of Grahams' Farm Market has donated containers and a bread box; Laura Oeser has donated two coffee tables and a wicker set; Sandy Moffatt has donated knitted hand puppets; Ron Reid has donated items that include screws, maple syrup buckets and noise makers and Kelsey Redman has donated hanging gems.

"We are so appreciative of the support expressed by the community when the vandalism occurred ... and the ongoing efforts and ideas to restore it and make it better," said Reid. "Thank you, thank you, thank you."

A list of items needed is posted on the Abbey Gardens Facebook page, or interested readers can email irene@abbeygardens.ca. The Haliburton Lions have listed items they are currently looking for at <https://www.haliburtonlions.com/lionism-in-the-news>.



Above, Haliburton Home School students helped launch the newly opened Enchanted Forest with a ribbon cutting ceremony in June 2017 on the Abbey Gardens property./DARREN LUM Staff

Left, In September last year, Heather Reid, left, and Irene Heaven looked at some of the mess left to be cleaned up following vandalism in the Enchanted Forest. The community is now working to restore and reopen the space./JENN WATT Staff

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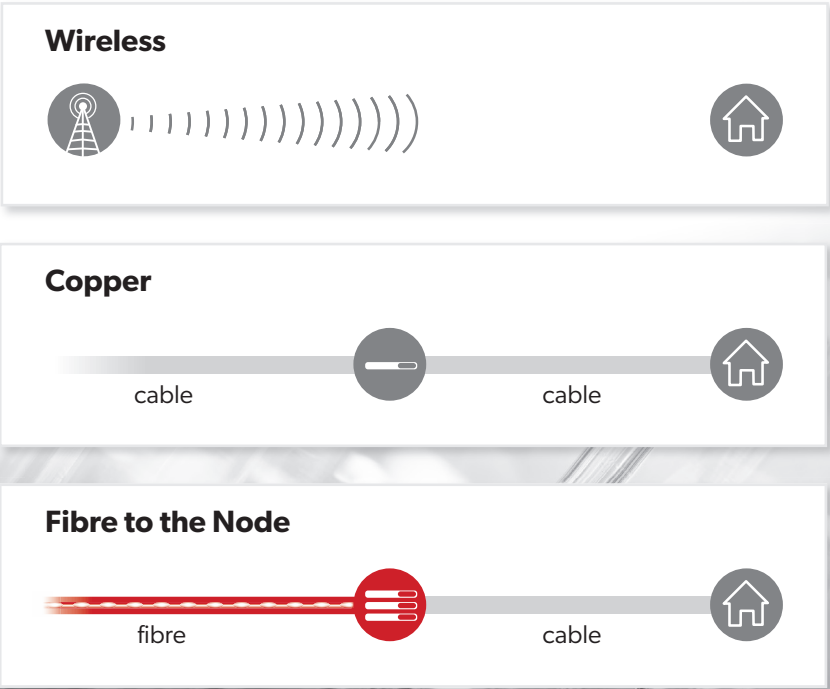


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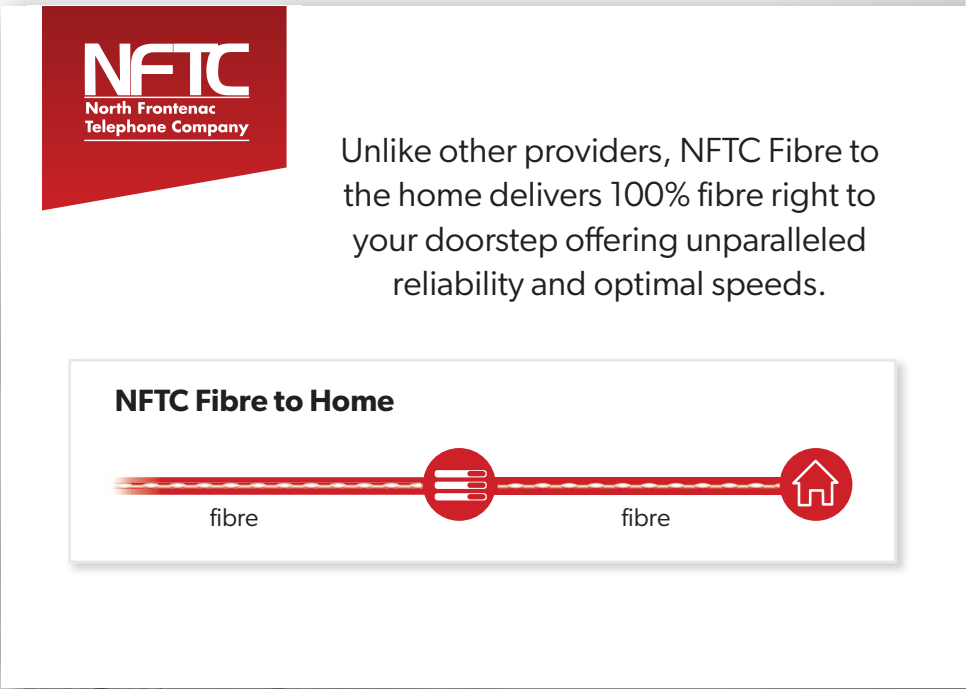
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AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 11th day of May 2020.

SELBIE LOUCH
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AND OTHERS

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF THE LATE
KENT WILSON PALMER

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **KENT WILSON PALMER**, late, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 30th day of December, 2019, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 19th day of June 2020.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 11th day of May 2020.


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Diane Everall
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on Sunday May 17, 2020 in her 65th year. Loving daughter of the late Mervin Everall & Myra Scholtes. Dear stepdaughter of Ted Scholtes. Also remembered by her family and friends at Echo Hills Apartments.

Private Funeral Arrangements



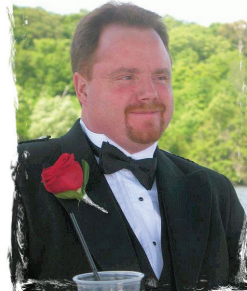
Funeral arrangements are private. Private Family interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Wallace Wood

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Peacefully at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services on Friday evening, May 15, 2020 in his 51st year. Dear husband of Virginia Wood. Loving father of Tegan. Dear brother of Callum (Janet). Predeceased by his parents Douglas & Annie Wood (nee Lindsay). Wallace worked for many years with The Pump Shop in Haliburton and was an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He will be missed by his many friends.

Private Graveside Service

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Lloyd Leadbeater

Lloyd Leadbeater was born March 9, 1923 in Toronto. He died of natural causes May 15, 2020 after a full and rewarding life.

He was predeceased by his high school sweetheart Jo (Josephine Mary), his wife of 66 years who died December 2, 2009; his brother Arthur and sister Gladys. Lloyd was the proud father of Murray (Lucinda), Dale, and Eric (Cheryl); grandfather of Meghan, Ian, Paul, Sean, Christopher, Jason and Riane; and great grandfather to a flock of ten great grandchildren.

In his youth he was a football and hockey player, and cyclist. As his life progressed, he became a tool and die maker, business man, pioneer and innovator in the plastics industry and the long-time President of Toronto Plastics ("The future is plastics my son!"). He took up flying out of Buttonville Airport until Jo made him quit. A shy man, he took on teaching at George Brown College and oversaw the installation of an injection molding machine at the Ontario Science Centre.

He was an experienced outdoorsman, hunter and fisherman and bulldozer owner and operator at Harcourt Park, the location of the family cottage since 1961. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of the cottager's association for 41 years and President for 37, Lloyd built bridges, installed culverts, led nature walks, removed beaver dams and pulled hapless cottagers out of the ditch on countless occasions. His was the genius behind the building of the Community Centre that now bears his name. His passion for the area drew him to Dysart Municipal Council where he served as a councillor and Deputy Reeve for a total of 12 years ensuring that cottagers in the Park were fairly represented.

In 2005, Lloyd and Dale with Murray's skills, built an energy efficient home near Raven Lake outside of Kirkfield. Here he applied his knowledge of technology, re-designing systems, master-minding projects and welcoming guests. He maintained the property with his tractor, chainsaw and self-designed shrub-puller and even built deluxe bat houses into his 98th year. He contributed to the restoration of the Museum in Kirkfield while serving on the Board of the Kirkfield and District Historical Society. Lloyd's love of the natural world led him first to Pickering Naturalists, then to the Kawartha Field Naturalists and the Couchiching Conservancy where he was an active member, making many new friends.

Lloyd's contributions are further detailed in:

- Canadian Inventors and Innovators 1885 to 1950: Pioneering Plastics by Donald W. Emmerson (1978);
- Canadian Plastics Pioneers 1950-2000 by Kara Kurylowicz (2017);
- Harcourt Park, Fifty Years of Stewardship and Beyond by J. Alan Wargo (2010); and,
- Member's Interview with Lloyd Leadbeater by John Bick, in Heron's Watch (2020) available at kawarthafieldnaturalists.org

Above all, Lloyd was a family man who cherished his wife Jo and their ever-growing family. Three weeks prior to his death, Lloyd was operating his Kubota tractor and changing the oil in his ride-on lawnmower. His was a life well lived - right until the end.

Heartfelt thanks to all who cared for Lloyd, including Heather Benson and June Comben, the faithful Paramed nurses and the outstanding nurses and doctors at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. The family would appreciate donations to the hospital or to Couchiching Conservancy <http://www.couchichingconserv.ca> in remembrance of Lloyd. An opportunity to share via video-conferencing is coming, and when we are safe again, a big party! On line or video condolences, video or online donations please visit www.jardinefuneralhome.com

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■ **MATT DUCHENE**

TSN captures draft pick's creative side

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

For the second time in less than a month, The Sports Network (TSN) has packed its camera gear and headed north to Haliburton to tape a feature about hockey's latest NHL Entry Draft headline-maker, Matt Duchene.

About three weeks ago TSN arrived in Haliburton to film a feature about Duchene, who is now being considered as a number-one pick in the upcoming NHL Entry Draft, along with John Tavares and Victor Hedman.

Tavares and Hedman have dominated draft headlines all season long. But Duchene's strong finish to the season and playoffs, his two-way game, and speedy skating add to his credentials as a number-one choice.

See **Art** page 22

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Superheroes battle cancer

With so many lives affected by cancer, McKeck's Place decided that to call upon a few superheroes to fight the disease. Karen Frybort, Dean Witthun and Heather Taylor had fun teaming together for Friday night's Relay for Life, which raised more than \$170,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. There's a story and more photos on pages 16 and 17.

■ **FLU PANDEMIC**

County has first case of H1N1 virus

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Haliburton County has had its first confirmed case of the H1N1 virus but that shouldn't give other residents cause for concern, health officials say.

Last week, the spread of the virus moved to enough coun-

tries to warrant calling it a pandemic by the World Health Organization but that doesn't mean the illness is increasing in severity. It simply means more people have it in more countries.

In fact, as flu viruses go, H1N1 is relatively mild. It only causes concern when someone with other health issues gets it.

The Haliburton County resident who had the swine flu did not require hospitalization and has recovered, as have the three other people who contracted the virus in the vast catchment area of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

See **Virus** page 14

Molou re-opens

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Harry Potter is coming to the Molou.

After a winter of uncertainty about the future of the Haliburton movie theatre, a new management partnership has been formed that will ensure the theatre's doors stay open this summer.

See **Molou** page 2



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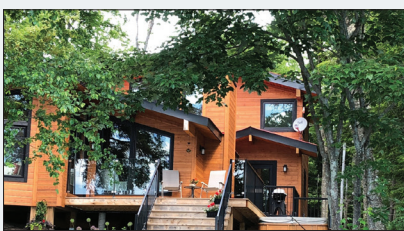
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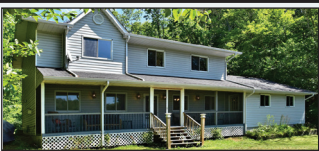
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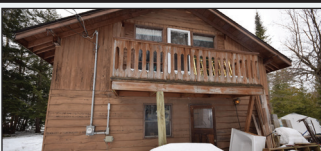
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Great traditional family cottage! 4 Bdrm, 1 bath cottage has open concept living space finished w/ laminate flooring and wood interior boasts cottage charm. Large lakefront deck. Southern exposure. The list doesn't stop there, sauna building at waters edge, large sitting deck and dock.



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